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April 27, 2021

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Chair
Committee on Appropriations
H-307 The Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Kay Granger
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
1036 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting \$130,000 in funding for Oceanside Marine Nature Study Area in Fiscal Year 2022. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Town of Hempstead, located at One Washington Street, Hempstead, New York 11550.

The funding would be used for a new exhibit and interactive displays at the Marine Nature Study Area in Oceanside, New York.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,

Kathleen M. Rice (NY-04)
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The Honorable Matt Cartwright
Chair
Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice,
Science and Related Agencies
H-310 The Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Robert Aderholt
Ranking Member
Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice,
Science and Related Agencies
1036 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chair Cartwright and Ranking Member Aderholt:

As you begin crafting the Fiscal Year 2022 Commerce, Justice, Science and Related Agencies bill, I respectfully request that you give consideration to the following funding priority:

1. Provide a funding level of **\$130,000** for the Marine Nature Study Area in Oceanside, New York as a community project funding request. The intended recipient is the Town of Hempstead located at 1 Washington Street, Hempstead, NY 11550. The project would be a valuable use of taxpayer funds because the new educational displays would offer an indoor space for students to learn about the saltmarsh estuary and include a small aquarium featuring marine life that exists in the surrounding waterways. This project serves to create interactive displays that describe the marine life inside the tanks. A display case exhibit will explain the various species of birds that utilize the saltmarsh for foraging and breeding habitat. There will also be an interactive display that demonstrates how saltmarshes improve coastal resiliency for the surrounding communities. The displays will focus on sustainability, and teach students that how we live as a community can further protect our saltmarshes by doing things like reducing our use of single-use plastics, reducing runoff in our landscaping practices, utilizing native plants, reducing our carbon footprint, and more.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

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